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To: Commanding Officer, Austria
For: Security Central Division
From: ☐ ☐
Subject: Ferdinand JOESCH

1. With reference to VIEN 1140 (IN 49257) of 27 February 1947, VIEN 1141 (IN 49267) of 27 February 1947, and the cable despatched from this office 7 March 1947 - the number of which is not yet known to us - we are herewith forwarding a summary of the information on subject Ferdinand JOESCH given in the Wasył SCHWENTSCHUK interrogation, LSL-171, 27 December 1945, which you may not now have at hand.

2. Ferdinand JOESCH, an employee of the Austrian Police before 1938 and a former Gestapo referent, was arrested in May 1945 by the II District Russian CI. He was released after about three weeks. Then seized, subject JOESCH was hiding at the home of a Dr. LIST, a musician living in the III District. JOESCH was, at the end of 1945, residing with his wife at Theresienstrasse 2, and working part-time as an informant for the II District office.

3. Subject's reports, according to SCHWENTSCHUK, are executed with care and discretion, giving few names and incriminating no one. These reports are gathered mostly from overheard conversations, informal cafe gatherings, etc.

4. This office is in possession of information on a Rudolf JOESCH who might possibly be some relation to subject Ferdinand JOESCH. Rudolf JOESCH was condemned to death by the Peoples Court and executed for high treason and espionage in the interest of a foreign power.

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